

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the careful examination of the application. However, in view of the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections.

Claims 1 and 11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,513,159, hereinafter *Dodson*, in view of JP 10-254708, hereinafter *Canon*.

Claim 1 defines a method for installing a printer driver stored on a recording medium on a computer terminal. The method includes referring regional information set in a computer terminal in advance, selecting one of the multiple printer drivers stored on the recording medium on the basis of the referred regional information, and installing the selected printer driver on the computer terminal. An advantage of the invention represented by claim 1 is that the user of the computer system can install the proper printer driver without worrying about whether or not the driver is appropriate for the region in which the user resides.

The Examiner alleges that *Dodson* teaches a method for installing drivers on a computer. Referring information in the computer determines what driver to install and selects one of multiple drivers stored on a recording medium on the basis of the computer's platform configuration and version. The Examiner recognizes that *Dodson* does not teach explicitly printer drivers, but alleges that printer drivers are inherent in the teaching of *Dodson*. In addition, the Examiner recognizes that *Dodson* does not teach referring regional information set in the computer terminal in advance.

To overcome this deficiency, the Examiner relies upon *Canon* as allegedly teaching referring regional information set in the computer terminal in advance in

order to install the correct software. However, the Examiner's understanding of *Canon* is not accurate. Specifically, *Canon* discloses technology for simplifying the insulation of software programs, such as drivers, that are specific to a particular region where the PC is to be used. The *Canon* technology includes a regional information setup unit 102 which has regional information concerning the shipping destination regions for the PC 100. When the user turns on the computer, the PC 100 reads the regional information held in the regional information setup unit 102, obtains a telephone number of a support center which corresponds to the region in which the user resides, and calls the support center based on that telephone number. Since the telephone number that is dialed by the computer is only intended to be used by computers within a particular region, even if all of the software is stored in a recoding medium at the support center, the software at the support center corresponds to the appropriate region. Thus, there is no selection of an appropriate driver based on the referred regional information. Instead, it is assumed that all of the software at the destination telephone number is region appropriate for the PC 100.

Thus, *Canon* does not teach the technology of selecting one of a plurality of printer drivers stored in the recording medium based on regional information.

Thus, neither *Dodson* nor *Canon* teaches or suggests the combined steps of claim 1. Claim 11 defines a computer readable medium that includes multiple printer drivers and an insulation program for installing one of the printer drivers to a computer terminal which installation program executes a method substantially the same as claim 1. Accordingly, claim 11 is also patentable over the combination of

Dodson and *Canon* at least for the reasons as set forth above with respect to claim 1.

Claims 4, 5 and 13-14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,781,797, hereinafter *Crick*, in view of *Canon*.

Claim 4 defines a method for installing a printer driver stored on a recording medium on a computer terminal comprising referring regional information set in the computer terminal in advance, selecting a piece of setup information from multiple pieces of information stored on the recording medium on the basis of the referred regional information, and installing a control program contained in the printer driver and the selected piece of setup information on the computer terminal. Claim 13 defines a computer readable medium having an insulation program causing a computer to execute a process substantially the same as that set forth in claim 4.

The Examiner relies upon *Crick* for teaching substantially all of the claimed subject matter except acknowledging that *Crick* does not explicitly teach printer drivers and also that it does not teach referring regional information set in the computer terminal in advance. For this deficiency, the Examiner again relies on *Canon*. However, as set forth above, *Canon* does not enable the computer to select from amongst a plurality of programs based on regional information. *Canon* teaches the calling of a particular regional office, and all the software at that regional office is region appropriate.

Accordingly, the rejection of claims 4, 5, 13 and 14 based on *Crick* and *Canon* should be withdrawn.

The remaining claims are dependent claims that have been rejected over combinations of either *Dodson* and *Canon* or *Crick* and *Canon* and further in view of either *Garney*, *Harding*, or *Hanson*.

Garney discloses a technology according to the Official Action, of having device drivers stored in a mass storage device on the computer system. The mass storage device has a lookup table for mapping each type of card in the memory area of the mass storage device. *Garney* further teaches selecting one driver by specifying an address. However, *Garney* does not teach selecting one of multiple printer drivers stored in the recording medium based on regional information.

Harding teaches having information concerning the language setup and a computer terminal in the regional information preset in the computer terminal. However, *Harding* does not teach selecting one of multiple printer drivers stored in the recording medium based on the regional information.

Hanson is alleged to teach displaying paper size provided from the printer driver. However, it also does not teach selecting one of multiple printer drivers stored in a recording medium based on regional information.

Accordingly, in view of the foregoing information, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections of the claims.

To further define the protection to which Applicants are entitled, new claims 19-32 are submitted above. The new claims are also not taught or suggested by the cited prior art.

Accordingly, the Examiner is also respectfully requested to find the new claims to be in condition for allowance.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this Amendment, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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